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Property Owners Meeting Concerning On-Site Sewage System Inspection Requirements in the Marine Recovery Area

When: Wednesday February 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Where: Vashon High School Commons
20120 Vashon Highway Southwest

You are receiving this invitation because our records indicate the septic system on your property in the Marine Recovery Area still needs inspection and may need repair by July 1, 2012. Because the deadline is fast approaching your action is urgently needed now. Public Health Seattle King County staff will be at the meeting to answer your questions the On-Site Sewage system inspection requirements and procedures for the Marine Recovery Area.

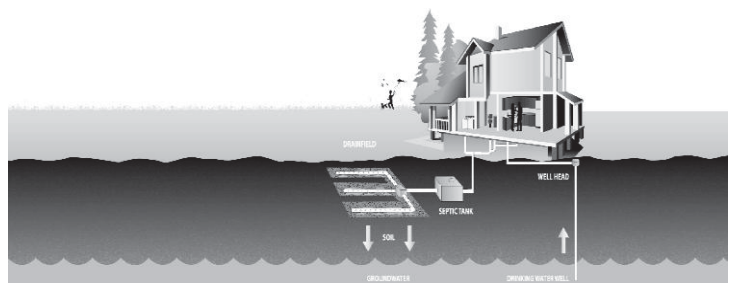
Marine Recovery Area On-Site Sewage System Inspection requirements:

1. Obtain a professional inspection of your OSS to document the system type, location, function, and prepare an as-built plan of the system if one does not already exist. See <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/pros/list.aspx>
2. If the professional inspection determines that the OSS is not functioning, work with a licensed OSS designer to evaluate options to repair, replace, or install an alternate method of treating the wastewater.

The law requires property owners within the MRA to inspect, provide a record drawing of their On-Site Sewage (OSS) system and repair or replace the system if needed by July 1, 2012, then annually inspect OSS function after 2012. For more information on the MRA see <http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/mra.aspx>



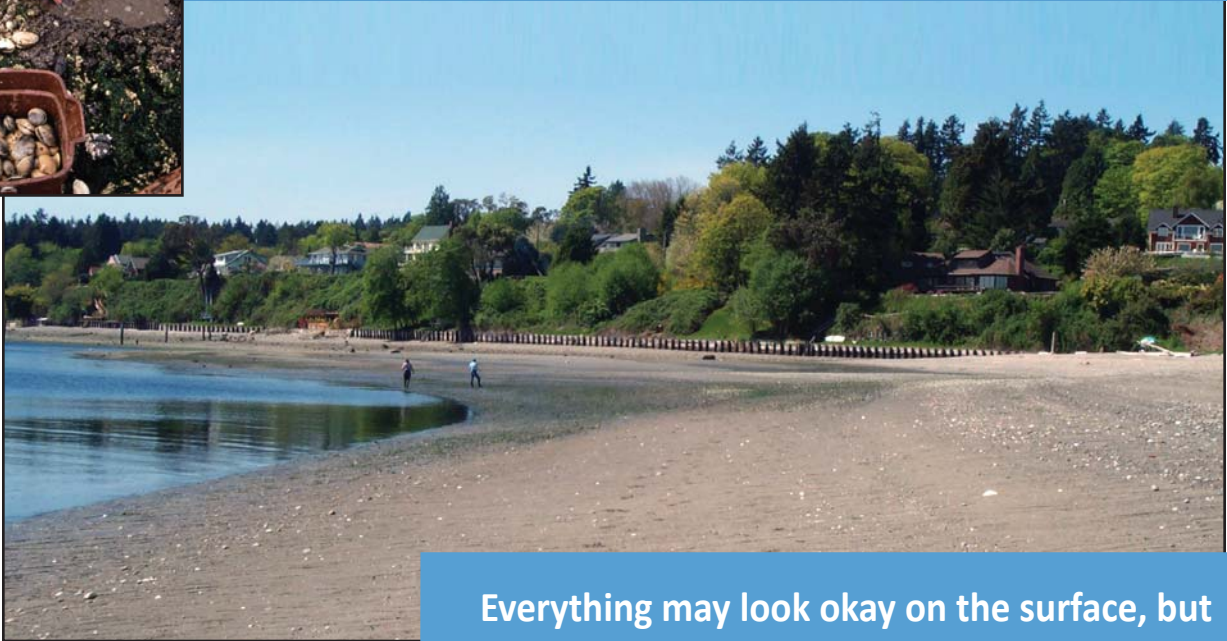
**SEPTIC SYSTEM CARE
BEGINS WITH YOU**





It's great living here.

Don't let your septic system spoil it unknowingly.



Everything may look okay on the surface, but your septic system could still be polluting a nearby stream or the marine water.

Inspect your septic system to make sure it's not releasing untreated sewage and spreading disease.

Professional inspection can help you determine if your on-site sewage system is working properly.

A properly functioning on-site sewage system helps to:

- Reduce the risk of disease for people or animals that use the shorelines.
- Make it safer for recreational and or commercial shellfish harvesting.
- Improve the water quality in Quartermaster Harbor and the Puget Sound.

For helpful tips, videos and more, visit
www.pugetsoundstartshere.org/septic

Your septic system. Your quality of life. They're connected.

Protect your family, your drinking water and the Puget Sound.

Simple steps can keep you safe from a septic problem.



Annual inspection is required in the Marine Recovery Area.

Follow these simple steps to have your septic system inspected:

1 Get Informed.

- Learn how to care for your system at www.pugetsoundstartshere.org/septic
- Get a copy of your systems design plans by calling (206) 296-4932

2 Schedule routine inspections by a certified professional every year.

- For a list of certified inspectors and helpful questions to ask visit www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/pros/list.aspx
- Have inspection ports installed to save time and money on future inspections!

3 Annual inspections in the Marine Recovery Area include the following:

- Dye is placed in all fixtures and flushed to the septic tank.
- Condition of the septic tank, distribution box and drainfield is checked.
- The system is stress tested to evaluate loading capacity.
- If there is not an as-built plan for your septic system the inspector will need to prepare a record drawing documenting the type and location of the system the first time it is inspected. If you know you do not have a septic system skip the inspection and call a licensed septic designer. For more information see the MRA webpage at www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/ehs/wastewater/mra.aspx or call (206) 296-4932.



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